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Today's Topics:

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Micro handhelds, who needs them?!?!
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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 5 Aug 1993 13:17:25 GMT
From: noc.near.net!jericho.mc.com!fugu!levine@uunet.uu.net
Subject: IC2Ia mic fix file
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

In article 6DD@netcom.com, wa2ise@netcom.com (Robert Casey) writes:
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>copied from packet:
>Subject: IC-2IA LOUSEY XMIT AUDIO FIX
>From: K8CIT@N8NNN.#SEMI.MI.USA.NA
>To : INFO@ALLUS
>
>HELLO FOLKS...I BOUGHT AN IC-2IA LAST WEEK FOR USE BY MY XYL KB8CZL. I CHOSE
>THIS PARTICULAR HT FOR ITS SIMPLICITY OF OPERATION (AFTER INITIAL SETUP).
>HOWEVER, IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG BEFORE WE BEGAN RECEIVING POOR XMIT AUDIO REPORTS.
>IT WAS DESCRIBED AS "MUFFLED AND CONSTRICTED - LIKE TALKING THRU A GARDEN HOSE".
>
>AS IT TURNS OUT THE DESIGN ENGINEERS AT ICOM LEFT NO PROVISION TO GET THE
>MELODIOUS TONES OF YOUR VOICE TO THE MICROPHONE EXCEPT TO GO THRU THE PLASTIC
>CASE.

> AFTER I NOTICED THIS PROBLEM, I RETURNED THE RADIO TO MY DEALER AND TRIED
>SEVERAL OTHERS. THEY ALL SOUNDED THE SAME. THEN THE SALESMAN CALLED ICOM
>SERVICE-THEY ADMITTED THEY KNEW OF THE PROBLEM AND RECOMMENDED A HOLE BE
>DRILLED IN FRONT OF THE MIC.
> HERES HOW TO DO IT - PROCEED CAREFULLY-
> 1. SHUT OFF RADIO
> 2. REMOVE BATTERY PACK
> 3. REMOVE 4 PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWS FROM REAR OF CASE
> 4. CAREFULLY PULL OFF FRONT OF CASE
> 5. GENTLY REMOVE MIC ELEMENT FROM RUBBER HOLDER
> 6. UNSCREW 4 PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWS RETAINING SPEAKER
> 7. SUPPORT CASE ON SOFT SURFACE
> 8. DRILL HOLE THRU CENTER OF MIC RUBBER FROM INSIDE - I USED 5/64 INCH DRILL
> 9. REASSEMBLE IN REVERSE ORDER
> 10. MARVEL AT FB AUDIO
>THATS IT, FOLKS...HOPE YOU LIKE YOUR NEW HT AS MUCH AS WE DO...73, ART-K8CIT..
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>Note: I haven't tried or verified this, proceed at your own risk. WA2ISE
>We put the "N" in "Nerd"!

11. BILL ICOM FOR 1 HOUR LABOR CHARGE

or

2. RETURN RADIO, BUY FT-530
3. DONT WORRY, BE HAPPY

73

Date: Thu, 5 Aug 1993 15:31:18 GMT
From: swrinde!menundo.uh.edu!uuneo!sugar!jreese@network.ucsd.edu
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In article <23r195\$378@jericho.mc.com> levine@mc.com writes:
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...stuff deleted...

The Icom IC24AT has the same problem. Icom has lost it. They used to make the best handhelds in the business...what happened???

You can also drill the IC24AT in a simmilar fashion. It improves the audio quite a bit.

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Jim Reese, WD5IYT | "Bad times bring out the best in Texans, good times
jreese@sugar.neosoft.com | bring out the worst." --Molly Ivins

Date: 5 Aug 1993 15:18:57 GMT
From: noc.near.net!transfer.stratus.com!sw.stratus.com!fms@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Micro handhelds, who needs them?!?
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Aug3.155635.1@vms4.sc.csupomona.edu>,
armyirman@vms4.sc.csupomona.edu (Alex Myrman) writes:

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>
> I don't know about you but I'm not into these micro handhelds produced these
> days. They get smaller and smaller -and- better and better of course but why
> make them so darn small?
> I'm all for more features bell and wistle's but lets maintain some 'standard'
> size for a handheld. Or atleast produce a micro version and a standard size.
> Maybe the standard size could have more battery life or strong casing better
> speakers etc etc
>
> You can't push the buttons (one at a time) without using a pin
> You can't read the lettering on the panel.
> You can't find the radio when you set it down somewhere.
>
> I don't want a BRICK, just something that doesn't look like a toy.
>
> Don't give me any it'll cost more crap because they could build the radio on a
> fingernail and shove it in the same old case the size off a beer can and I
> would be happy. It would could have a huge battery same big speaker, shock
> mounted to 400 g's, big buttons and knobs that you can turn. PERFECT!
>

I don't know about you, but I'm glad they're building the micro handhelds these days. With the old "standard" size ones:

- I couldn't push the PTT and have any chance of holding the radio in one hand without being afraid of dropping it.
- The weight of the thing aggravated my wrists, already sore from too much work at my workstation during the day.
- It didn't fit in my purse.

Those of us with small hands love the little critters, and really do need them.

I'd certainly be in favor of the two sizes that you mentioned above. Sort of "his 'n' hers" radios! :-) But don't penalize those of us who need/want the little ones by making the bigger one "better", just make it bigger for those who need/want bigger.

73 de Faith N1JIT, the one with the small hands...

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"I'm afraid I don't know very much about Romulan Disruptor settings" --Spock

Date: 5 Aug 1993 17:20:42 GMT
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Subject: Parts for old railroad telegraph key?
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

I have an odd request...

A friend of mine has her fathers old "railroad" telegraph key. I believe it dates from the early 1900's.

I'm told the the key is solid brass. It's most distinguishing feature is the tension spring. The spring is connected to the base with a stiff wire. The key has an oval and hollow brass base. The spring itself sits over the hollow part.

My problem is that this key is missing the shorting bar, knob, and the nuts for securing wires to the (threaded) posts for the connection.

I can find a knob :-). My efforts to find a similar key at a few hamfests to cannibalize for parts have been futile.

Any idea how I can get or make the appropriate brass pieces to restore this key?

Thanks and 73.

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Mark Bailey KD4D Motto: Life's too short to drink cheap beer.
mebly@eng.umd.edu Disclaimer: I didn't really say this.

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